

REMARKS

Claims 25-49 remain in this application.

For purposes of a complete response an election has been made. However, the requirement should be withdrawn and all of the claims acted on, as the requirement to elect species should not have been made.

The PCT Applicant's guide, volume I: section 138 reads:

“138. An international application which complies with the unity of invention requirements laid down in Rule 13 must be accepted by all the designated and elected Offices, since Article 27(1) does not allow any national law (as defined in Article 2(x)) to require compliance with requirements relating to the contents of the international application different from or additional to those provided for in the PCT.”

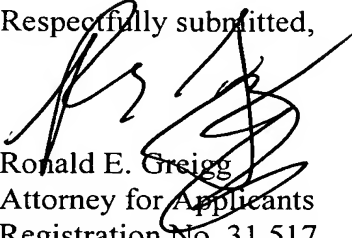
Or in other words, as specified in MPEP 1896, Paragraph IV, “U.S. National stage applications (which entered the national stage from international applications after compliance with 35 USC 371) are subject to unity of invention practice in accordance with 37 CFR 1.475 and 1.499.”

And further, the examiner's attention is politely requested to PCT Rule 13.1 and Article 27(1), both of which state that **a designated Office shall not doubt the unity of invention if no objections have been raised in the international phase.**

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Entry of this paper as satisfying the requirement to elect, reinstatement of all species, and consideration of all of the claims are courteously solicited.

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